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**An A to Z guide to recycling,
reusing, composting and more!**

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Aerosol Cans

If empty, they can be recycled by placing them in your recycling cart with your other recyclables. Aerosol cans that are partially-filled with chemicals should be taken to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#).

All Purpose Cleaners

Rinse empty bottles three times and use the rinse water like you used the product.

If the bottles are made from #1 - #7 plastic, [City of Austin curbside customers](#) can recycle them by putting them in their recycling bin with their [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart with their other recyclables.

If you are not a [City of Austin curbside customer](#), consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put them in your trash or in your recycling.

If the bottles are not empty, please take them to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#).

Aluminum Cans

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can recycle aluminum cans by putting them in their recycling cart with their other recyclables. If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put them in your trash or in your recycling.

Aluminum Foil and Other Aluminum Products

Please place aluminum foil, plates, trays and disposable cooking ware in your trash cart. Austin Resource Recovery is not able to recycle these aluminum products. [Ecology Action](#) accepts aluminum foil at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.



REMINDER:

Take your left over paint and household chemicals to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#) for free. This keeps hazardous materials out of the landfill and local waterways.

Ammunition

Please consult the [Austin Police Department](#) at their non-emergency number, 3-1-1, for disposal options. Do not put ammunition in your trash cart, Dumpster or recycling cart.

Animal Waste

Please seal animal waste in a plastic bag before putting it in your trash cart. You also may flush your pet's waste down the toilet; however, **do not** flush plastic bags or kitty litter down your toilet.

Antifreeze

Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County should take household quantities of antifreeze free of charge to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#) where it will be recycled. Do not mix it with other automotive products. Avoid having to dispose of antifreeze by buying only what you need.

Appliances

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can set out appliances during their [bulk item collection](#). All contents must be emptied out of the appliances and refrigerator doors must be removed. Metal ones will be recycled.

Bulk items are collected twice-per-year, and you will receive a postcard in the mail informing you of your collection dates.

If you do not want to wait for your bulk item collection or if you are not a [City of Austin curbside customer](#), you may be able to take metal appliances that do not contain Freon® to a metal recycler. Look in the yellow pages under "Recycling Centers" for a list. The [FM 812 Resource Recovery Center](#) can only take the following appliances: refrigerators, freezers, toilets, air conditioning units, washers, dryers, dishwashers, hot water heaters, stoves and microwaves. Other landfills in the area may also accept appliances for disposal.

[Austin Energy](#) offers rebates for recycling refrigerators/freezers and will pick up units at no cost.

If you are not a [City of Austin curbside customer](#), consult your waste company, before placing an appliance beside your cart or Dumpster. The company may not collect material that is outside the Dumpster.



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Ashes

Allow ashes to cool and then seal them in a plastic bag before putting them in your trash cart. This will help prevent injuries to our crew members, damage to the cart and litter in your neighborhood.

Asphalt

Contact [Shingle Disposal](#) to recycle your asphalt.

Auto Body

Austin Resource Recovery cannot collect automotive bodies or any item with a title of ownership during bulk item collection. Please contact a junkyard to dispose of an auto body.

Auto Chassis

Austin Resource Recovery cannot collect automotive chassis or any item with a title of ownership during bulk item collection. Please contact a junkyard to dispose of an auto chassis.

Automotive Fluids

Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County should take household quantities of automotive fluids and oil filters free of charge to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#) for safe disposal. Do not mix the fluids together. Avoid having to dispose of automotive fluids by buying only what you need.

Motor oil can be recycled at a number of locations around town. You can find these locations at [Earth 911](#).

Automotives

Austin Resource Recovery cannot accept autos or auto parts. Call 2-1-1 for a list of human service organizations that accept vehicle donations.



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Set your carts out by 6:30 a.m. on your collection day. When in doubt, set it out.

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Bags - Paper

City of Austin curbside customers can recycle paper bags, except for some gift bags. Some gift bags have a waxy coating that makes them difficult to recycle. Please reuse them for another gift or place them in your trash.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put paper bags in your trash or in your recycling.

Ecology Action accepts paper at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

Consider using paper bags to collect leaves/yard trimmings, or compost the paper bags.

Bags - Plastic

Austin Resource Recovery cannot recycle plastic bags, dry cleaner bags, plastic food bags or plastic newspaper sleeves, because they get tangled in the recycling machinery.

Do **NOT** use plastic bags to hold recycling or yard trimmings. If you must, you can dispose of these types of plastic bags in your trash cart.

Recycling Options:

- Many Austin retail grocers such as Central Market, H.E.B., Randalls, Wal-Mart and Whole Foods collect and recycle plastic bags. Look for the specially marked containers at these stores.
- Many schools in Austin have organized plastic bag recycling projects. Check with a nearby school to see if you can drop off and support their efforts.

Top 5 Reasons to Reuse a Bag:

1. The petroleum in 14 plastic bags could drive a car 1 mile.
2. Americans use over 14 billion plastic bags a year.
3. It takes 70% more global warming gases to make a paper bag than a plastic bag.
4. Plastic bags do not biodegrade in landfills.
5. Cities spend up to 17 cents per bag in disposal costs.



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trucks service our customers
safer and quicker.

Bathroom Cleaners

Rinse empty bottles three times and use the rinse water like you used the product.

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If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put them in your trash or in your recycling.

If the bottles are not empty, please take them to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#).

Batteries

Residents of Austin and Travis County can bring all types of batteries to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#) for recycling.

NOTE: Some batteries contain hazardous metals and acids in them and should not be thrown in the trash. In most cases, these metals can be extracted and recycled.

Bicycle Parts

Bring your bicycle tubes, tires and other bicycle parts to be recycled and reused at [Jack & Adam's Bicycles](#) on 1210 Barton Springs Road.

Biologically Active Materials

The [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#) is not equipped to handle biologically active materials. Please consult [Stericycle](#) at 1-866-783-7422 for disposal options. Do not put these materials in your trash cart, Dumpster or recycling cart.



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Bleach Bottles

Rinse empty bottles three times and use the rinse water like you used the product.

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If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put them in your trash or in your recycling. [Ecology Action](#) accepts #1 - #7 plastic bottles at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

If the bottles are not empty, please take them to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#).

Boats

Austin Resource Recovery cannot collect boats or any item with a title of ownership during bulk item collection. Please contact a junkyard to dispose of an old boat or contact 2-1-1 to see if any human service organizations accept boat donations.

Books

Donate used books to the City's [Recycled Reads](#) Bookstore at 5335 Burnet Rd. The store gives books a second chance and is contributing to the City's Zero Waste Goal by ensuring obsolete materials are handled in an environmentally responsible way by keeping these materials out of landfills.

Visit the [Recycled Reads](#) Bookstore website for more information. Ecology Action accepts hard and soft cover books at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

Boxes

Cardboard boxes can be recycled in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart.

For reuse options, see: [Moving Boxes](#).



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Boxboard

Austin Resource Recovery recycles boxboard, the paper used to make cereal boxes, soda cartons, shoe boxes and similar boxes. Place these items in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart with other recyclables.

Brake Fluid

Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County should take household quantities of brake fluid free of charge to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#) for safe disposal. Do not mix it with other automotive fluids.

Branches

If the branches are less than 5 feet long and less than 3 inches in diameter, consult our yard trimmings guidelines. Dispose of larger branches during your large brush collection.

Bricks

Austin Resource Recovery cannot collect bricks in either your Single Stream Recycling cart or your trash cart. Try taking ones that are in good condition to the [Habitat for Humanity RE-store](#), where they will be reused. Consider reusing the bricks in a landscaping project. You may also be able to dispose of bricks at local landfills for a fee.

Brochures

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can recycle brochures by putting them in their blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart with other recyclables. If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put brochures in your trash or in your recycling.

[Ecology Action](#) accepts paper at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

Broken Glass

Broken glass cannot be recycled. Please wrap it in several layers of newspaper or seal it in a box and label the package “GLASS” before putting it in your trash cart.



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Bug Spray

Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County should take household quantities of bug spray free of charge to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#) for safe disposal. Empty containers cannot be recycled and should be put in the trash.

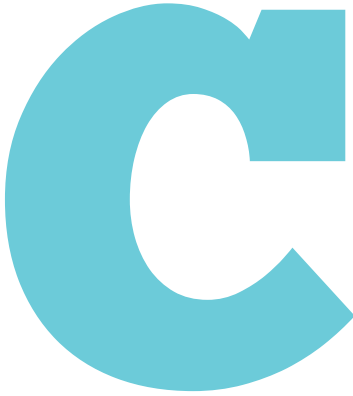
Bullets

Please consult the [Austin Police Department](#) at their non-emergency number, 3-1-1, for disposal options. Do not put bullets in your trash cart, Dumpster or recycling cart. Do not take them to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#).



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Cactus

Austin Resource Recovery will collect cacti and thorny vegetation during yard trimmings collection. Please wrap it in cardboard or several layers of newspaper, tie it with string and label it "THORNS."

Car Batteries

Car batteries should **not** be put in the trash. Residents of Austin and Travis County can bring all types of batteries to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#) for recycling.

NOTE: Some batteries contain hazardous metals and acids in them and should not be thrown in the trash. In most cases, these metals can be extracted and recycled.

Alternative Drop Off:

- Most places that sell car batteries will also accept them for recycling. There may be a fee for this service.
- A metal recycler may pay you for your car battery.
- Look in the yellow pages under "Recycling Centers" for a list of recyclers.
- View Google search results for recycling centers in Austin.

Cardboard

All cardboard can go in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart. If necessary, please flatten or cut down the cardboard to fit in the cart. Pizza boxes or any cardboard with food residue cannot be recycled and should be placed in your trash cart.

Most cardboard with food residue can also be placed in your home composting system.

See: Recycling Cardboard

See also: Moving Boxes

Cards

Greeting cards and brightly colored envelopes can be recycled; place them in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart. Cards adorned with glitter and/or foil cannot be recycled.

If you are not a [City of Austin curbside customer](#), consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put greeting cards in your trash or in your recycling.



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Carpeting

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can set out carpeting during their bulk item collection. Please place the carpeting with other non-metal items. The [Habitat for Humanity RE-Store](#) will accept new carpet for reuse.

You may also be able to dispose of carpeting at local landfills for a fee.

Catalogs

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can recycle catalogs by putting them in their blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart with other recyclables.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put catalogs in your trash or in your recycling.

[Ecology Action](#) accepts paper at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

Cell Phones

Cell phones should not be put in your trash cart because they may contain hazardous materials such as brominated flame retardants, lead, mercury and cadmium.

You can dispose of cell phones safely by taking them to the City of Austin's [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#). You can also donate them to Ecology Action or the Wireless Foundation. You can check with the dealer where you bought the phone as well. Several are set up to collect used phones for safe disposal or recycling. Cell phones can also be donated to some local nonprofits; call 2-1-1 for information.

Cereal Boxes

Cereal boxes and other boxboard can go in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart. If necessary, please flatten or cut down the boxboard to fit in the cart.

[Ecology Action's](#) downtown drop off center also accepts boxboard. Cereal boxes can also be used for composting in your home composting system.



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Set your carts 5 feet apart. This helps our automated trucks service our customers safely and efficiently.

Christmas Trees

For [City of Austin trash customers](#), recycling a Christmas tree is as easy as setting it on the curb. Austin Resource Recovery will pick up trees with yard trimmings on regularly scheduled collection days. They are then recycled to make [Dillo Dirt™](#).

Residents who do not have City of Austin trash service, including apartment and condo residents, can drop off their trees at Zilker Park. Collection days will be announced at the end of each year.

Cinder Blocks

Austin Resource Recovery cannot collect cinder blocks. Try taking ones that are in good condition to the [Habitat for Humanity RE-store](#), where they will be reused. You may also be able to dispose of cinder blocks at local landfills for a fee.

Cleaning Products

Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County should take leftover cleaning products free of charge to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#).

Empty bottles should be rinsed three times. Use the rinse water like you used the product. If the bottles are made from #1 - #7 plastic, [City of Austin curbside customers](#) can recycle them at the curb. Put them in your blue Single Stream Recycling cart with other recyclables.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put plastic bottles in your trash or in your recycling.

[Ecology Action](#) accepts #1 - #7 plastic bottles at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

Coat Hangers

Austin Resource Recovery cannot recycle coat hangers at the curb because they get caught in the recycling machinery. Please take them to your dry cleaner for reuse.



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Compact Discs (CDs)

CDs, DVDs and plastic jewel cases cannot be recycled in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart at this time. If they can be reused or donated, that's the best option. For ways to recycle these items, please visit [Earth911](#).

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs)

Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County should take household quantities of compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#). CFLs can also be recycled at Ikea, Lowes and at Home Depot stores.

Computer Paper

Computer paper can be recycled; place it in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put computer paper in your trash or in your recycling.

[Ecology Action](#) accepts paper at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

Computers

Computers should not be put in your trash or recycling cart. Take old computers to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility for recycling. For more information about how to recycle computers, TVs and other electronics, please visit the [Texas Commission on Environmental Quality website](#).

Concrete

Austin Resource Recovery cannot collect concrete. You may be able to dispose of concrete at local landfills for a fee.



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Confidential or Sensitive Documents

Sensitive paper documents may be shredded, placed in paper bags to prevent litter, and then placed in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart. Shredded paper should be placed in paper bags to prevent litter. You can also watch local news for free events like Shred Day.

Construction Debris

Austin Resource Recovery cannot collect construction debris. Try taking material in good condition to the [Habitat for Humanity RE-store](#), where it will be reused. You may also be able to dispose of construction debris at local landfills for a fee.

Cooking Oil and Grease

Household cooking oil and grease can also be taken to the City of Austin [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#).

Small quantities of oil can be mixed with kitty litter, doubled bagged, and then placed in your trash cart. You can also seal small quantities in a coffee can or similar container and place it in your trash cart.

Do not pour cooking oil or grease down the drain; it can clog pipes and the City's sewer system, resulting in expensive repairs, foul odors and sanitary sewer overflows.

Cooking Oil Bottles

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can recycle empty cooking oil bottles that are made from #1 - #7 plastic at the curb. After rinsing, put them in your recycling cart with other recyclables.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put plastic bottles in your trash or in your recycling.

[Ecology Action](#) accepts #1 - #7 plastic bottles at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.



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Read how to [dispose of dead animals safely](#).

Degreasers

Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County should take leftover degreasers free of charge to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#). Avoid having to dispose of degreasers by buying only what you need.

Diapers

Diapers cannot be recycled at the curb. Please seal them in a plastic bag and place them in your trash. Or, consider switching to cloth diapers.

Digital Video Discs (DVDs)

DVDs, CDs and plastic jewel cases cannot be recycled in your blue Single Stream Recycling cart at this time. If they can be reused or donated, that's the best option. For ways to recycle these items, please visit [Earth911](#).

Dirt

Austin Resource Recovery cannot collect dirt. You may be able to dispose of dirt at local landfills for a fee.

Disposable Dishes, Utensils and Food Containers

Disposable food containers made from plastic #1 - #7 can be recycled in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart. Please rinse any food containers before placing them in your cart. Disposable food containers made of paper or Styrofoam® are not recyclable. Disposable food containers made of paper can be placed in your home composting system.



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Doors

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can set wooden and metal doors out during their bulk item collection.

You may be able to dispose of doors at local landfills for a fee. If the door is in reusable condition, you can also donate it to the [Habitat for Humanity RE-Store](#).



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The [Electronic Industries Alliance](#) has a directory of companies and other organizations that will help you recycle other electronics.

For more information, read Recycling TVs, Computers & Electronics or visit the "Where Can I Donate or Recycle My Old Computer and Other Electronic Products?" page of the [US EPA's Web site](#).

Envelopes

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can recycle white and colored envelopes by putting them in their blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart. Envelopes with windows and labels are accepted.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put envelopes in your trash or in your recycling.

[Ecology Action](#) accepts paper at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

Explosive Materials

The [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#) is not equipped to handle explosive materials. Please consult the [Austin Police Department](#)-Ordinance Detail at 974-5750 for disposal options. **Do not** put them in your trash cart, Dumpster or recycling bin.



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Facial Tissue

Facial tissue cannot be recycled in Austin Resource Recovery curbside recycling program. Please put it in your trash cart or your home composter.

Fax Paper

City of Austin curbside customers can be recycled in your blue Single Stream Recycling cart.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put fax paper in your trash or in your recycling.

Ecology Action accepts paper at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

Fencing

City of Austin curbside customers can set fence posts and rolled fencing out during their bulk item collection. Wooden fence posts must be nail-free and bound together.

If you do not want to wait for your bulk item collection or if you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, you may be able to take metal fencing to a metal recycler. Search "Recycling Centers" on [Earth911](#) for a list.

You may also be able to donate fencing in reusable condition to the [Habitat for Humanity RE-store](#). You may also be able to dispose of fencing at local landfills for a fee.

Fertilizers

Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County should take household quantities of fertilizers free of charge to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#). Avoid having to dispose of fertilizers by buying and applying only what you need. Empty containers should be put in the trash. Consider creating your own fertilizer by making compost out of food scraps and yard trimmings.

Learn more about [composting](#).



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Flammable Liquids

Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County should take household quantities of flammable liquids free of charge to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#). Most empty containers should be put in the trash. Oil-based paint containers should also be brought to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Avoid having to dispose of flammable liquids by buying only what you need.

Flooring

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can set rolled carpeting or wood planks out during their [bulk item collection](#). Wooden planks must be nail-free and tightly bound. Austin Resource Recovery cannot collect tiles.

You may also be able to donate flooring in reusable condition to the [Habitat for Humanity RE-store](#). You may also be able to dispose of flooring at local landfills for a fee.

Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County should take household quantities of fluorescent light bulbs free of charge to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#).

Food Containers

Disposable food or take-out containers made of cardboard or Styrofoam® are **NOT** recyclable (such as pizza boxes or egg cartons). Food-soiled containers made of cardboard or paper can be put in your home composter. Tupperware-type containers and plastic containers that contain baked goods, deli, or produce from the grocery store which are made of plastic #1 - #7 can be recycled in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart. Please rinse any food particles out of the containers before placing them in the cart.



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Forms

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can place carbonless forms in their recycling cart with their other recyclables.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put carbonless forms in your trash or in your recycling.

[Ecology Action](#) accepts paper at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

Furniture

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can set out furniture during their [bulk item collection](#).

You may also be able to donate furniture in good condition to a charitable organization or thrift store. You may also be able to dispose of furniture at local landfills for a fee.



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Grocery Bags

Gasoline

Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County should take household quantities of gasoline free of charge to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#). **Do not** mix it with other automotive products. Avoid having to dispose of gasoline by buying only what you need.

Glass

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can recycle glass bottles and jars by putting them in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart with other recyclables. All other types of glass, including broken glass, drinking glasses, ceramics, etc. should be put in your trash. To prevent injuries, please box glass or wrap it in several layers of newspaper and label the package "GLASS." For information about glass doors, window panes and large mirrors, see the entry under sheet glass.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put glass bottles and jars in your trash or in your recycling.

[Ecology Action](#) accepts glass bottles and jars at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

Glass Bottles

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Grass Clippings

City of Austin curbside customers can “recycle” grass clippings by setting them out in kraft paper grass and leaf bags or in a small reusable container (no more than 33 gallons). Grass clippings and other yard trimmings are made into mulch and Dillo Dirt™.

Do **NOT** put grass clippings in plastic bags or you will have to pay extra to have them collected. Grass clippings in plastic bags must be sent to a landfill.

You can also leave grass clippings on your lawn when you mow. This will help restore nutrients to your yard.

Or, place grass clippings in your home **composting** system.

Grocery Bags

See: Bags - Paper or Bags - Plastic.



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Hangers
Hazardous Waste
Herbicides
Helium Tanks

Hangers

Austin Resource Recovery cannot recycle coat hangers at the curb.

See: Coat Hangers.

Hazardous Waste

Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County should take household quantities of most types of hazardous waste to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#). The facility is **NOT** able to accept appliances, biologically active waste, computers, explosive materials or radioactive waste.

Businesses should consult a private hazardous waste disposal company.

Herbicides

Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County should take household quantities of herbicides to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#). Empty containers should be put in the trash. They are not recyclable. Avoid having to dispose of herbicides by buying only what you need.

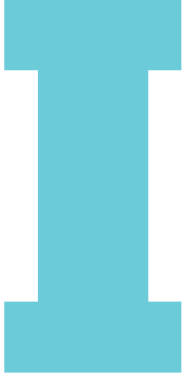
Helium Tanks

Whenever possible, return helium, propane and other tanks to the vendor or supplier for reuse. **Do not** place helium tanks in your recycling or trash carts.



REMINDER:

[Find out when](#) your trash and recycling collection days are.



Insecticides
Insulation

Insecticides

Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County should take household quantities of herbicides to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#). Empty containers should be put in the trash. They are not recyclable. Avoid having to dispose of insecticides by buying only what you need.

Insulation

Austin Resource Recovery cannot collect insulation. If it's in reusable condition, you may be able to donate it to the [Habitat for Humanity RE-Store](#). You may also be able to dispose of insulation at local landfills for a fee.



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Jewel Cases
Juice Bottles
Juice Boxes
Juice Cans
Junk Mail

Jewel Cases

Plastic jewel cases, CDs, and DVDs **cannot** be recycled in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart at this time. If they can be reused or donated, that's the best option. For ways to recycle these items, please visit [Earth911](#).

Juice Bottles

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can recycle juice bottles that are made from #1 - #7 plastic at the curb. Put them in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart with other recyclables. Paper juice bottles and cartons **CANNOT** be recycled at this time. Please put these in your trash cart.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put plastic bottles in your trash or in your recycling.

[Ecology Action](#) accepts #1 - #7 plastic bottles at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

Juice Boxes

Paper juice boxes and cartons **CANNOT** be recycled at this time. Please put these in your trash cart.

Juice Cans

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can recycle juice cans that are made from aluminum, tin or steel at the curb. Put them in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart with other recyclables. Paper juice cans and cartons **CANNOT** be recycled. Please put these in your trash cart.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put aluminum, steel and tin cans in your trash or in your recycling.

[Ecology Action](#) accepts aluminum, tin and steel cans at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.



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Junk Mail

City of Austin curbside customers can recycle junk mail by putting it your blue Single Stream Recycling cart with your other recyclables. Product samples cannot be recycled. Please put these in your trash cart.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put junk mail in your trash or in your recycling. Ecology Action accepts paper at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.



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Kitty Litter

Please seal kitty litter in a plastic bag before putting it in your trash cart.



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Laundry Detergent Bottles
Laundry Detergent Boxes
Lawn Mowers
Leaves
Lumber

Laundry Detergent Bottles

Get a last load of laundry out of your bottle by rinsing the bottle and using the rinse water like you used the product.

City of Austin curbside customers can recycle laundry detergent bottles at the curb, if they are made of #1 - #7 plastic. Put them in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart with other recyclables.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put plastic bottles in your trash or in your recycling.

[Ecology Action](#) accepts #1 - #7 plastic bottles at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

Laundry Detergent Boxes

You can recycle laundry detergent boxes by placing them in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart. Be sure the detergent has been emptied out of the box before placing it in your cart. Flatten the boxes to create more room in your cart.

[Ecology Action's](#) downtown drop off center also accepts laundry detergent boxes for recycling.

Lawn Mowers

City of Austin curbside customers can set lawn mowers out during their bulk item collection. All gas or fuel must be removed before setting it out.

If you do not want to wait for your bulk item collection or if you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, you may be able to take your lawn mower to a metal recycler. Look in the yellow pages under "Recycling Centers" for a list. You can also take it to the [FM 812 Resource Recovery Center](#). Consult your waste company, before placing anything beside your Dumpster. The company may not collect materials that are outside the Dumpster.



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Set your carts out by 6:30 a.m. on your collection day. When in doubt, set it out.

Leaves

Leaves can be [composted](#) in your backyard with fruit and vegetable scraps to make an effective soil conditioner.

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can also “recycle” leaves by setting them out in kraft paper grass and leaf bags or in a small reusable container (no more than 33 gallons). Leaves and other [yard trimmings](#) are made into mulch and [Dillo Dirt™](#).

Do **NOT** put leaves in plastic bags or you will have to pay extra to have them collected. Leaves in plastic bags must be sent to a landfill.

It is against City ordinance to rake, sweep or blow leaves on to the street. They may clog storm drains and increase the risk of floods.

Lumber

You may be able to donate lumber in good condition to the [Habitat for Humanity RE-store](#).

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can set out lumber during their [bulk item collection](#). Lumber must be free from nails and tightly bound. If you do not want to wait for your bulk item collection or if you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, you can take your lumber to a private landfill.



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Magazines
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Medical Waste
Microwaves
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Motorcycles
Moving Boxes

Magazines

City of Austin curbside customers can recycle magazines by putting them in their blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart with other recyclables.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put magazines in your trash or in your recycling.

[Ecology Action](#) accepts paper at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center. You may also be able to donate magazines to branch libraries, doctor's offices, schools or nursing homes.

Margarine Tubs

Margarine tubs or similar containers made of plastic #1 - #7 can be recycled in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart.

If you are not a [City of Austin curbside customer](#), consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put magazines in your trash or in your recycling.

[Ecology Action](#) accepts plastic #1 - #7 at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

Mattresses

City of Austin curbside customers can set out mattresses and box springs during their [bulk item collection](#). Please place the mattresses with other non-metal items.

You may be able to dispose of mattresses at local landfills for a fee.

Medical Waste

Syringes, needles, or sharps should be placed in a sturdy plastic container with a tight fitting lid, such as, a laundry detergent bottle. The bottle then needs to be taped shut and labeled "SYRINGES," "SHARPS" or "NEEDLES." The bottle can then be placed in your regular trash. **DO NOT** put this container in your recycling. If you need more information, call 3-1-1.



REMINDER:

Take your leftover paint and household chemicals to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#) for free. This keeps hazardous materials out of the landfill.

Microwaves

City of Austin curbside customers can set microwaves out during their bulk item collection.

You may be able to dispose of microwaves at local landfills for a fee.

If your microwave is in good condition, you may also be able to donate it to a charitable organization or thrift store.

Milk Cartons

Austin Resource Recovery cannot recycle paper milk cartons or similar containers at this time. Please put these items in your trash. Plastic milk jugs made from plastic #1 - #7 can be placed in your blue Single Stream Recycling cart.

Milk Jugs

City of Austin curbside customers can recycle plastic milk jugs made from plastic #1 - #7 at the curb. Put them in your blue Single Stream Recycling cart with other recyclables.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put milk jugs in your trash or in your recycling.

Ecology Action accepts them at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

Mirrors

Austin Resource Recovery cannot recycle mirrors at the curb. Please box mirrors or wrap them in several layers of newspaper and label the package "GLASS." Place the package in your trash cart.

If your mirror is in good condition, you may also be able to donate it to a charitable organization or thrift store.

Mortar

Austin Resource Recovery cannot collect mortar. You may be able to dispose of mortar at local landfills for a fee.



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Motor Oil

Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County may take household quantities of motor oil and oil filters to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#) for safe disposal. Do **NOT** mix motor oil with other automotive fluids.

Motor oil can also be recycled at a number of locations around town. You can find these locations at [Earth 911](#).

Motor Oil Bottles

Austin Resource Recovery cannot recycle motor oil bottles at the curb no matter what type of plastic they are made from. Please put empty bottles in your trash.

Motorcycles

Austin Resource Recovery cannot collect motorcycles or any item with a title of ownership during bulk item collection. Please contact a junkyard to dispose of a motorcycle.

Moving Boxes

Sell your used boxes to a reuse store such as [EcoBox](#).

List them on [U-Haul's Box Exchange Program](#) site or [Freecycle](#) so someone else can use them.

Recycle your boxes curbside in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart or at [Ecology Action](#).



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Needles
Newspapers

Needles

Needles should be placed in a sturdy plastic container with a tight fitting lid, such as, a laundry detergent bottle. The bottle then needs to be taped shut and labeled “**SYRINGES**,” “**SHARPS**” or “**NEEDLES**.” The bottle can then be placed in your regular trash. **DO NOT** put this container in your recycling.

If you need more information, please call 3-1-1 to find out how to safely dispose of needles and other medical waste.

Newspapers

City of Austin curbside customers can recycle newspapers by putting them in their blue **Single Stream Recycling cart** with other recyclables.

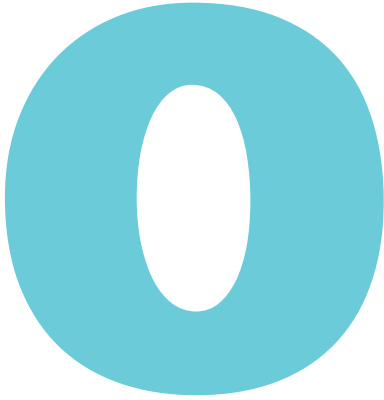
If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put newspapers in your trash or in your recycling.

Ecology Action accepts newspapers at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.



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Office Paper
Oil Filters

Office Paper

City of Austin curbside customers can recycle office paper by putting it in their blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart with other recyclables.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put office paper in your trash or in your recycling.

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Oil Filters

Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County may take household quantities of oil filters free of charge to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#) for safe disposal.

Some of the automotive shops that accept motor oil for recycling, may also accept oil filters for a small fee. Call ahead of time to find out whether the shop takes oil filters and what the charge is.



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Paint

Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County should take household quantities of latex and oil-based paint to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#) for safe disposal. Latex paint in good condition will be recycled. Avoid having to dispose of paint by buying only what you need.

Paint collected at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility is rebled into a low-VOC flat paint called [Austin ReBlend](#).

Paint Cans

Remove the lids from empty latex paint cans and allow any residue to dry out. Afterward you can put the can and lid in the trash separately. **DO NOT** put paint cans or lids in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart.

Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County should bring household quantities of oil-based paint cans free of charge to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility for safe disposal. Do not put these in the trash, even if they're empty.

Paint Thinner

Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County should take household quantities of paint thinner and other solvents to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#) for safe disposal. Avoid having to dispose of paint thinner by buying only what you need.

Pallets

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can set out pallets during their [bulk item collection](#). Please place the pallets with other non-metal items.

You may be able to dispose of pallets at local landfills for a fee.



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Pamphlets

City of Austin curbside customers can recycle pamphlets by putting them in their blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart with other recyclables.

If you are not an Austin Resource Recovery customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put pamphlets in your trash or in your recycling.

[Ecology Action](#) accepts paper at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

Paper

Austin Resource Recovery customers can use their blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart to dispose of:

- Catalogs
- Colored Paper
- Envelopes
- Greeting Cards
- Home Office Paper
- Junk Mail
- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Wrapping Paper (non-foil)

Austin Resource Recovery cannot recycle facial or toilet tissue, paper towels or napkins, or any wet or food-stained paper. These types of paper can be placed in your home [composting](#) system.

If you are not an Austin Resource Recovery customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put paper products in your trash or in your recycling.

[Ecology Action](#) accepts similar paper to Austin Resource Recovery at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.



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Paper Bags

City of Austin curbside customers can recycle paper bags, except for some gift bags. Some gift bags have a waxy coating that makes them difficult to recycle. Please reuse them for another gift or place them in your trash.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put paper bags in your trash or in your recycling.

Ecology Action accepts paper at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

Consider using paper bags to collect leaves/yard trimmings, or compost the paper bags.

Paper Ream Wrappers

City of Austin curbside customers can recycle paper ream wrappers by putting them in their blue Single Stream Recycling cart with other recyclables.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put paper ream wrappers in your trash or in your recycling.

Ecology Action accepts paper at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

Paperboard

Austin Resource Recovery recycles paperboard or boxboard, the paper used to make cereal boxes, soda cartons, shoe boxes and similar boxes. Paperboard can be placed in your blue Single Stream Recycling cart with other recyclables.

Paperboard can also be taken to Ecology Action's downtown drop off center for recycling, or compost it in your backyard.

Pesticides



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Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County should take household quantities of pesticides free of charge to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility for safe disposal. Empty containers cannot be recycled and should be put in your trash. Avoid having to dispose of pesticides by buying only what you need.

Phone Books

Phone books **cannot** be recycled in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart at this time.

[Ecology Action](#) accepts phone books at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center. Check with local grocery stores for other places to recycle phone books.

Photographic Chemicals

Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County should take household quantities of photographic chemicals to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#) for safe disposal.

Pizza Boxes

Austin Resource Recovery cannot recycle delivery pizza boxes due to food and grease contamination. Please put pizza boxes in your trash cart or your home composting system. Frozen pizza boxes made of boxboard are recyclable in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart.

Plastic

Plastics #1 - #7 are recyclable and can be placed in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart. (Recycling numbers are usually located on the bottom or the side of an item.)

Note: If the bottle contained motor oil, pesticides, herbicides, adhesives, paints or solvents, it cannot be recycled no matter what type of plastic it was made from. Take these containers to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#) for safe disposal.

Styrofoam® cannot be recycled in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart, even if it is labeled as a #6 plastic.

See: Styrofoam®.



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Plastic Bags

Austin Resource Recovery **cannot** recycle plastic bags, dry cleaner bags, plastic food bags or plastic newspaper sleeves, because they get tangled in the recycling machinery.

Do **NOT** use plastic bags to hold recycling or yard trimmings. If you must, you can dispose of these types of plastic bags in your trash cart.

Recycling Options:

- Many Austin retail grocers such as Central Market, H.E.B., Randalls, Wal-Mart and Whole Foods collect and recycle plastic bags. Look for the specially marked containers at these stores.
- Many schools in Austin have organized plastic bag recycling projects. Check with a nearby school to see if you can drop off and support their efforts.

Top 5 Reasons to Reuse a Bag:

1. The petroleum in 14 plastic bags could drive a car 1 mile.
2. Americans use over 14 billion plastic bags a year.
3. It takes 70% more global warming gases to make a paper bag than a plastic bag.
4. Plastic bags do not biodegrade in landfills.
5. Cities spend up to 17 cents per bag in disposal costs.

Plastic Bottles

City of Austin curbside customers can recycle most plastic bottles that are made from #1 - #7 at the curb. Put them in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart with other recyclables.

Motor oil bottles, pesticide bottles, herbicide bottles, and glue and other adhesive bottles cannot be recycled no matter what type of plastic they are made from. Take these containers to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#) for safe disposal.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put plastic bottles in your trash or in your recycling.

[Ecology Action](#) accepts #1 - #7 plastic bottles at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.



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Plastic Jars & Tubs

Plastic jars and tubs, such as margarine containers, yogurt containers, peanut butter containers, etc. that are made from plastic #1 - #7 can be recycled by placing them in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart.

If you are not a [City of Austin curbside customer](#), consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put plastic bottles in your trash or in your recycling.

[Ecology Action](#) accepts these types of plastic tubs at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

Plastic Product Packaging

Austin Resource Recovery **CANNOT** recycle plastic product packaging at the curb. Please put this packaging in your trash.

Plastic Utensils

Plastic utensils made from plastic #1 - #7 can be recycled at the curb. Please put them in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart.

If you are not a [City of Austin curbside customer](#), consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put plastic bottles in your trash or in your recycling.

Plastic Wrap

Austin Resource Recovery **cannot** recycle plastic wrap at the curb.

Please place in your trash cart.

Plywood

You may be able to donate plywood in good condition to the [Habitat for Humanity RE-store](#) or dispose of it at local landfills for a fee. Austin Resource Recovery cannot collect it during [bulk item collections](#).



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Pool Chemicals

Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County should take household quantities of pool chemicals to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#) for safe disposal. Avoid having to dispose of pool chemicals by buying only what you need.

Never put pool chemicals in your trash. Many pool chemicals give off fumes that can be harmful to collection workers.

Posters

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can recycle posters by putting them in their blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart with other recyclables.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put posters in your trash or in your recycling.

[Ecology Action](#) accepts paper at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

“Post-it” Notes

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can recycle “Post-it” notes by putting them in their blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart with other recyclables.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put “Post-it” notes in your trash or in your recycling.

[Ecology Action](#) accepts paper at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

Propane Tanks

Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County should take commercial and/or residential use propane tanks to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#) for safe disposal.

Product Samples

Austin Resource Recovery cannot recycle product samples at the curb. Please put them in your trash cart.



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Radioactive Materials
 Railroad Ties
 Refrigerators and Freezers
 Remodeling Debris
 Roach & Ant Bait
 Rocks
 Roofing

Radioactive Materials

The [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#) is not equipped to handle radioactive materials. Please consult the [Texas Commission on Environmental Quality](#) for disposal options. Do not put radioactive materials in your trash cart, Dumpster or recycling cart.

Railroad Ties

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can set out railroad ties during their [bulk item collection](#). Railroad ties must be free from nails and tightly bound. You may also be able to dispose of railroad ties at local landfills for a fee.

Refrigerators and Freezers

The [FM 812 Resource Recovery Center](#) will accept refrigerators and freezers.

If the refrigerator or freezer is still working, you can get money for it through Austin Energy's [refrigerator recycling program](#). They'll collect it, recycle it, and give you a rebate.

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) also can set out refrigerators and freezers during their [bulk item collection](#). They must be empty, clean, odor-free and the doors must be removed. Removing the doors will keep children from becoming trapped inside the appliance.

You may also be able to dispose of refrigerators or freezers at local landfills for a fee.

Remodeling Debris

Austin Resource Recovery cannot collect remodeling debris. You may be able to donate items in good condition to the Habitat for Humanity RE-store or dispose of debris at local landfills for a fee.

Roach & Ant Bait

Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County should take household quantities of roach and ant bait and other pesticides free of charge to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#). Avoid having to dispose of roach and ant bait and powders by buying only what you need.



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Rocks

Austin Resource Recovery cannot collect rocks. You may also be able to dispose of rocks at local landfills for a fee.

Roofing

Austin Resource Recovery cannot collect roofing. You may be able to donate items in good condition to the [Habitat for Humanity RE-store](#). You may also be able to dispose of roofing at local landfills for a fee.



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Sandwich Baggies
Sawdust
Shampoo Bottles
Sheet Glass
Sheet Rock
Shingles
Shoe Boxes
Shredded Paper
Siding
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Soap Bottles
Soda and Beer Cartons
Soda Bottles
Solvents
Steel Cans
"Sticky" Notes
Stones
Styrofoam®
Syringes

Sand

Austin Resource Recovery cannot collect sand. You may be able to dispose of sand at local landfills for a fee.

Sandwich Baggies

Austin Resource Recovery cannot recycle sandwich baggies at the curb. Please put these in your trash cart.

[Ecology Action](#) accepts clean and dry plastic bags at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

Sawdust

Please seal sawdust in a plastic bag before putting it in the trash. This will help prevent employee injuries and litter problems.

Shampoo Bottles

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can recycle shampoo bottles that are made from #1 - #7 plastic at the curb. Put them in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart with other recyclables. Please rinse shampoo bottles three times before placing them in your cart.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put plastic bottles in your trash or in your recycling.

[Ecology Action](#) accepts #1 - #7 plastic bottles at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

Sheet Glass

Austin Resource Recovery cannot collect sheet glass. You may be able to donate sheet glass in good condition to the [Habitat for Humanity RE-store](#) or dispose of sheet glass at local landfills for a fee.



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Sheet Rock

Austin Resource Recovery cannot collect sheet rock. You may be able to donate sheet rock in good condition to the [Habitat for Humanity RE-store](#) or dispose of it at local landfills for a fee.

Shingles

Austin Resource Recovery cannot collect shingles. You may be able to donate shingles in good condition to the [Habitat for Humanity RE-store](#) or dispose of it at local landfills for a fee. You can also recycle your shingles at [Shingle Disposal](#).

Shoe Boxes

Shoe boxes can be recycled by placing them in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart with other recyclables.

They can also be taken to [Ecology Action's](#) downtown drop off center for recycling, or [compost](#) them in your backyard.

Shredded Paper

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can place shredded paper in their blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart with other recyclables, as long as the paper met the recycling paper guidelines before it was shredded. Shredded paper should be bagged in a paper bag to prevent litter.

Siding

Austin Resource Recovery cannot collect siding. You may be able to dispose of it at local landfills for a fee.

Small Branches

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can “recycle” branches that are less than 5-feet-long and less than 3 inches in diameter by setting them out in bundles tied with string or twine on their trash day. If you use a small reusable container (no more than 33 gallons), make sure the branches don't protrude by more than 1 foot. Branches and other [yard trimmings](#) are made into mulch and [Dillo Dirt™](#).

Do **NOT** put yard trimmings in plastic bags or you will have to pay extra to have them collected. Yard trimmings in plastic bags must be sent to a landfill.



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Smoke Detectors

Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County can take smoke detectors to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#) for safe disposal. An alternative disposal option is to mail the smoke detector back to the manufacturer for disposal. The manufacturer may charge a fee for this service.

Soap Bottles

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can recycle liquid and dish washing soap bottles that are made from #1 - #7 plastic at the curb. Put them in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart with other recyclables. Please rinse product from the bottles three times before placing them in your cart.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put plastic bottles in your trash or in your recycling.

[Ecology Action](#) accepts #1 - #7 plastic bottles at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

Soda and Beer Cartons

Soda and beer cartons are made of paperboard or boxboard and can be placed in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart. Or, take them to [Ecology Action's](#) downtown drop off center for recycling, or [compost](#) them in your backyard.

Soda Bottles

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can recycle soda bottles that are made from #1 - #7 plastic at the curb. Put them in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart with other recyclables.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put plastic bottles in your trash or in your recycling.

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Solvents

Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County should take household quantities of solvents free of charge to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#). Avoid having to dispose of solvents by buying only what you need. Empty solvent containers should be put in the trash.

Steel Cans

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can recycle steel cans at the curb with the exception of paint, solvent, adhesive containers, pesticide and herbicide containers. Put all other steel cans in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart with other recyclables. Paint, solvent, adhesive containers, pesticide and herbicide containers should be taken to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#) for safe disposal.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put steel cans in your trash or in your recycling.

[Ecology Action](#) accepts steel cans at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

"Sticky" Notes

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can recycle "sticky notes" by putting them in their blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart with other recyclables.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put "sticky notes" in your trash or in your recycling.

[Ecology Action](#) accepts paper at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

Stones

Austin Resource Recovery cannot collect stones. You may be able to dispose of stones at local landfills for a fee.



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Styrofoam®

Austin Resource Recovery CANNOT recycle Styrofoam® at the curb even if it has a recycling number on it. You may be able to donate Styrofoam® peanuts to [Mail Boxes Etc.](#), or a similar store for reuse. If you dispose of Styrofoam® peanuts in your trash, please seal them in a plastic bag first. This will prevent them from spilling on to the street when your trash is emptied. Large pieces of Styrofoam® can be broken down, bagged and placed in your trash cart.

Syringes

Syringes should be placed in a sturdy plastic container with a tight fitting lid, such as, a laundry detergent bottle. The bottle then needs to be taped shut and labeled "SYRINGES," "SHARPS" or "NEEDLES." The bottle can then be placed in your regular trash. **DO NOT** put this container in your recycling. If you need more information call 3-1-1.



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Television Sets

City of Austin curbside customers can set television sets out during their bulk item collection.

If you do not want to wait for your bulk item collection or if you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, an electronics recycler may accept your television set for a fee. See our Computer & Electronics Recycling section or consult the yellow pages under "Recycling Centers."

If your television set is in good condition, you may also be able to donate it to a charitable organization or thrift store.

Thorny Branches

City of Austin curbside customers should bag thorny branches and put them in their trash cart. For the safety of our employees, Austin Resource Recovery cannot accept thorny branches with yard trimmings.

Tiles

Austin Resource Recovery cannot collect tiles. You may be able to donate tiles in good condition to the Habitat for Humanity RE-store or dispose of them at local landfills for a fee.

Tin Cans

City of Austin curbside customers can recycle tin cans at the curb with the exception of paint, solvent, adhesive containers, pesticide and herbicide containers. Put all other tin cans in your recycling Single Stream Recycling cart with other recyclables. Paint, solvent, adhesive containers, pesticide and herbicide containers should be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility for safe disposal.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put tin cans in your trash or in your recycling.

Ecology Action accepts steel and tin cans at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.



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Tires

City of Austin curbside customers can set out eight passenger car tires that have been removed from the rims during their [bulk item collection](#).

You may be able to dispose of tires at local landfills for a fee or drop them off at an auto shop for a fee.

Tissue Paper

Place tissue paper in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart. Or, consider reusing the tissue paper for another gift.

Toilets

The City of Austin offers toilet recycling at the [FM 812 Resource Recovery Center](#). Customers must remove all non-porcelain parts (bolts, flush lever, seat, etc.) from the toilet(s), disassemble the tank and bowl, and clean and sanitize the toilet(s) with chlorine bleach prior to drop-off. Products not meeting these conditions will not be accepted. Bulk drop-offs from plumbers or neighborhood groups are encouraged to reduce vehicle trips.

Toilet Tissue

Austin Resource Recovery cannot recycle toilet or facial tissue at the curb. Please put these materials in your trash cart or your home composting system.

Toner & Ink Jet Cartridges

Toner and ink jet cartridges can be put in your trash cart or taken to an office supply store for recycling.

Toys

Austin Resource Recovery cannot recycle toys at the curb. If they are in good condition you may be able to donate them to a charitable organization or thrift store. Otherwise, please put them in your trash cart.



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Trailers

Austin Resource Recovery cannot collect trailers or any other items with a title of ownership. Please consult a junkyard about disposal options or call 2-1-1 to see if any nonprofits accept trailer donations.

Transmission Fluid

Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County should take household quantities of transmission fluid to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#). Do not mix it with other automotive fluids.

Trees – Downed

On the Right of Way: Please report downed trees that are blocking the street or public right of way by calling 3-1-1.

On Electrical Wires: Please report downed trees that are on electrical wires to Austin Energy at 3-1-1.

On Private Property: Individual property owners are responsible for taking care of trees that are downed on their own property. Options include cutting it up and including it with your weekly [yard trimming collection](#), waiting for your large brush collection, hauling it to a local landfill yourself, or hiring a contractor to clear the tree for you.



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Underlay
Utensils

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Contact [Shingle Disposal](#) to recycle your underlay.

Utensils

Utensils made of plastic #1 - #7 can be placed in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart. Utensils made of other materials cannot be recycled. Please dispose of them in your trash cart.



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Take your leftover paint and household chemicals to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#) for free. This keeps hazardous materials out of the landfill.

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Vacuum Cleaner Dust
Vegetable Oil
Vines

Vacuum Cleaner Dust

Please seal vacuum cleaner dust and bags in a plastic bag before putting it in your trash. This will help prevent employee injuries and litter.

Vegetable Oil

Household cooking oil and grease can also be taken to the City of Austin [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#).

See: Cooking Oil.

Vines

[City of Austin curbside customers](#) can “recycle” vines by setting them out in kraft paper grass and leaf bags or in a small reusable container (no more than 33 gallons). Vines and other [yard trimmings](#) are made into mulch and [Dillo Dirt™](#).

Do **NOT** put vines in plastic bags or you will have to pay extra to have them collected. Vines in plastic bags must be sent to a landfill.

Austin Resource Recovery is unable to collect vines with large brush collection.



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Water Bottles
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Water Bottles

City of Austin curbside customers can recycle water bottles that are made from #1 - #7 plastic at the curb. Put them in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart with other recyclables.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put plastic bottles in your trash or in your recycling.

[Ecology Action](#) accepts #1 - #7 plastic bottles at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

Weed Killer

Residents of the City of Austin and Travis County should take household quantities of weed killer free of charge to the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#). Empty containers should be put in the trash. They are not recyclable. Avoid having to dispose of weed killer by buying only what you need.

Wet Paper

Austin Resource Recovery is unable to recycle wet paper. Place wet paper in your home [composting](#) system or in your trash.

White Paper

City of Austin curbside customers can recycle white paper by putting it in their blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart with other recyclables.

If you are not a City of Austin curbside customer, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put office paper in your trash or in your recycling.

[Ecology Action](#) accepts paper at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

Window Panes

To prevent employee injuries, please box window panes or wrap them in several layers of newspaper and label the package "GLASS." Put the package in your trash cart. You may be able to donate double-pane windows to the [Habitat for Humanity RE-store](#).



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Windshields

To prevent employee injuries, please box windshields or wrap them in several layers of newspaper and label the package "GLASS." Put the package in your trash cart.

Wrapping Paper

Recycle wrapping paper by placing it in your blue **Single Stream Recycling** cart.

If you are not a **City of Austin curbside customer**, consult your waste company or building manager about whether to put office paper in your trash or in your recycling.

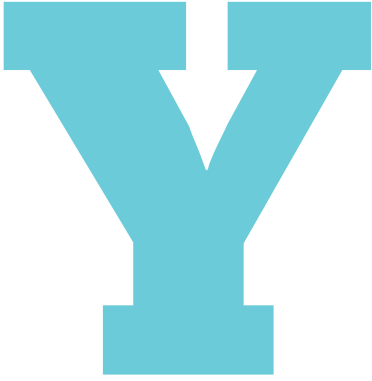
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Yogurt Tubs

Yogurt Tubs

Yogurt containers and other rigid plastics #1 - #7 can be recycled at the curb; place them in your blue [Single Stream Recycling](#) cart after rinsing out any food residue.

The [Ecology Action](#) website says that many art departments use plastic food tubs to clean paint brushes and gardeners use them for seedlings.



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Ziploc Bags

Austin Resource Recovery cannot recycle Ziploc bags at the curb. Please put these in your trash cart.

Ecology Action accepts clean and dry plastic bags at its downtown Austin recycling drop off center.

Ziploc Bags



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